AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0048]   Further, the Intelligent Media Accessor monitors and measures quality

even during the experiencing of media. For example, as illustrated in figure 8b, a viewer

is receiving media from a first site in the list of preferred edge sites in processing block

850. In the background, during media viewing, the Intelligent Media Accessor may

access small samples of a clip from one or more other sites in the list of preferred edge

sites and measure the quality of the media in processing block 855. At decision block

860, the IMA determines whether there is a site that can produce better results than the

current site. If there is one, then, transparently to the user, the IMA may switch the

viewer to the site that produces the best results in processing 865. If not, the viewer

continues to receive the media from the first site in processing block 850870.